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## AVACO PRODUCES NEW COLOR FILM

"The Potato Who Wished to be King", a story for children based on the parable of the soils which was produced by AVACO on 16 mm black and white film in February, has now been reproduced in a color version. The story which runs for 15 minutes is told through the "Ebanashi" or Japanese picture story-telling method. It was written and the pictures were drawn by the Rev. Ueda, a Japanese pastor. NHK-TV featured the film on its national TV network on Feb. 25 in the original black and white version. The color version will carry both English and Japanese sub-titles.

## AUDIO-VISUAL WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON SHIKOKU

An audio-visual aids workshop will be held at Matsuyama, Shikoku on April 5 & 6 under the sponsorship and leadership of AVACO. National AVACO and Kyodan leaders will cooperate with local personell in directing the workshop.

## NEW FILM STRIPS FROM ABROAD

130 new film strips have been received from abroad, and catalogues or them are now available at the AVACO office. Both catalogues and film strips will also be available at the IBC Missionary Conference.

## WORLD DAY-OF PRAYER OBSERVED IN JAPAN

World Day of Prayer meetings were held in Tokyo and other cities all over Japan on May 5, and special programs were planned in all the Christian schools. The offerings will be used for relief in Okinawa and Korea. Japan used the program prepared in India for use in churches all over the world, but added a special prayer in memory of Miss Sarah Chakko, one of the committee members who helped prepare the program. Miss Chakko, who was president of Isabella thoburn college, Lucknow, India, died on January 25 of this year, shortly after the program was completed. The English translation of the prayer is as follows: "Our Father, Thou who art the Creator and Preserver of life, we thank Thee that neither death nor things present, nor things to come, can separate us from Thy love. We thank Thee for her whom we remember in love this day. We thank Thee for her daily witness to her risen Lord and Savior; for her devotion to Thy church, her concern that mankind have more abundant life. We thank Thee that she and we remain together within the folds of Thine all-embracing love. In Jesus' name, amen."

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In Tokyo, a crowd of about 800 attended an afternoon and evening service at Fujimicho church, with about 10 different nationalities represented among those attending. The Tokyo Council of Church Women English speaking cooperated in the preparation of the programs which were printed in both Japanese and English. There were both Japanese and English speaking leaders and speakers for each section of the program. The Rev. Mrs. Harue Miyagi, pastor of Josei Kyokai, and Mrs. Eiko Kishi, wife of the president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church's Seminary were the Japanese speakers, while Mrs. Galen E. Russell, wife of the pastor of Tokyo Union Church gave the English address.

#### KYODAN RELATED MISSIONARIES MEET FOR INSPIRATION AND FELLOWSHIP IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Approximately 350 missionaries working in relation with the United Church of Japan will meet from March 30 to April 2 at Hakone-Yumoto, fifty miles from Tokyo, for the annual IBC-Kyodan Related Missionary Conference.

Principal speaker at the sessions will be Dr. Emil Brunner, now professor at the Japan International Christian University. Dr. Brunner will deliver three lectures: Our Faith, the Uniqueness of Jesus Christ our Savior; The Church as a Problem and Reality; and The Church and Society. Following these lectures the group will separate into smaller bodies for discussion of the lectures as they are particularly applicable to the various fields of missionary activity.

To carry out the two-fold purpose of the conference, inspiration and fellowship, remaining hours will be used in worship and fellowship.

Dr. Michio Kozaki, moderator of the United Church of Christ in Japan, will deliver the opening sermon on Tuesday evening, March 30. Dr. Kozaki and Japanese members of the Council of Cooperation will be guests throughout the conference.

Evening programs include a stunt night on Wednesday evening and an evening of witness, prayer and worship on Thursday evening.

The conference will close Thursday morning, April 2, with the service of Holy Communion.

Proceeding this conference on Tuesday, March 30, an open meeting of the IBC field committee will be held. All IBC missionaries are invited to this meeting starting at 10 a.m. During the dinner hour on Tuesday, proceeding the opening of the conference missionaries will meet by denominations for fellowship and business.

#### RECORD CROP OF SEMINARY GRADUATES TO GO INTO KYODAN CHURCHES

A total of 99 graduates from the 5 Kyodan related seminaries will go out into the churches to work upon their graduation. This figure represents an all-time high for seminary graduates going into pastoral work. Other graduates of the seminaries will be doing post-graduate work, or going into work in related fields.

All 47 of the graduates of Tokyo Union Theological Seminary are assigned to work as ministers or assistant ministers in churches from Kyushu to Hokkaido. The graduation address at TUTS was delivered by the Rev. G. Akaishi, pastor of the Nagoya Church.

It is a pleasure to have you here today. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the progress of the project and to make any necessary adjustments. We have received your report and it is very good. We are pleased with the results and the way you have handled the situation. We will continue to support you in your work and we will be glad to hear from you again soon.

Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

The following is a list of the items that were discussed at the meeting. The first item was the progress of the project. We discussed the work that has been done and the results that have been achieved. We also discussed the problems that have been encountered and the steps that have been taken to solve them. The second item was the budget. We discussed the current budget and the proposed changes. We also discussed the need for additional funds and the steps that have been taken to secure them. The third item was the personnel. We discussed the current personnel and the need for additional staff. We also discussed the steps that have been taken to recruit and train new staff.

The fourth item was the future of the project. We discussed the long-term goals and the steps that have been taken to achieve them. We also discussed the need for a detailed plan and the steps that have been taken to develop it. The fifth item was the conclusion. We discussed the overall progress of the project and the steps that have been taken to ensure its success. We also discussed the need for continued support and the steps that have been taken to secure it.

The meeting was very productive and we are confident that the project will be completed successfully. We will continue to work together to achieve our goals and we will be glad to hear from you again soon.

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## COMPLETE COLLOQUIAL VERSION OF NEW TESTAMENT TO BE RELEASED APRIL 10

The first complete authorized colloquial version of the new testament will be available for the first time on April 10. The publication will be celebrated by the Bible Society at a reception at the Christian Center on April 12, which representatives from all denominations working in Japan will attend. It is expected that publication of the colloquial old testament will be completed by Christmas.

Evangelism secretaries from all Christian denominations in Japan attended a conference on March 9 & 10 in Yugawa<sup>ya</sup> under the sponsorship of the Bible Society to plan a campaign for implanting the new colloquial Bible in the heart of Japanese life. The colloquial Bibles, which meet a great need for a version which can be readily understood by the average Japanese, will be distributed all over Japan soon after publication.

## KYOBUNKWAN REORGANIZED UNDER NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In the general meeting of the Kyobunkwan stock-holders which was held on March 1st, Mr. Mitsuru Tomita, & Mr. Yoriichi Manabe who had been directors, and Dr. Michio Kozaki, the auditor resigned.

Mr. Tokutaro Kitamura, a member of the Mitake church and a high officer of the Shinwa Bank, also a former minister of Finance, was appointed general manager and a director. The following were re-elected to the Board: Mr. Yoshio Segawa (chairman), Mr. P.S. Mayer, and Mr. Juzo Nagata. Newly elected directors are Mr. Daisuke Takei, Mr. Genichi Toyama, Mr. Tsuraki Yano. Mr. Toyozo Mikumo was appointed as auditor.

Kyobunkwan which originated as the Methodist Publishing House 69 years ago enjoys a long history of service in the field of publishing Christian literature. The Kyobunkwan, a nine story building on the Tokyo Ginza, houses offices for many of the Christian enterprises in Japan, including the Kyodan, the Interboard Committee, National Christian Council, and the International Christian University.

## DVBS CURRICULA PREPARED BY NCC COMMITTEES

A 5 day Daily Vacation Bible School program has been planned by a special commission in Kyoto, and a 10 day program planned by a similar group in Osaka and Kobe. The programs will be published in June. The Commissions which prepared the DVBS curricula were created at the NCC Church School Department curriculum study conference held last October.

## SEIGAKUIN CHAPEL AND CLASSROOM BUILDINGS CONSUMED IN FIRE

A fire which apparently originated in faulty electrical wiring broke out on razed March 11 & the newly painted chapel and a classroom building at Seigakuin, the Tokyo middle school sponsored by the United Christian Missionary Society (Disciples of Christ). Recent rains and a fortunate absence of high winds saved the rest of the 12 buildings from destruction but over half a dozen neighboring houses were completely or partially destroyed by fire, smoke, or water from the fire hoses. The buildings covered an area of several hundred tsubo and damage is estimated at 20,000,000 yen.

The chapel was on the 2nd floor of a two story building, of which the first floor was used for classrooms. The building itself was 50 years old, and because of its age could not be nicely insured. It was the original





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building in which middle school classes were first held when Seigakuin was started half a century ago, and replacement was urgently needed, even before the fire. None of the Seigakuin buildings were destroyed in the war and the main building is a concrete structure which proved its value by resisting the fire, even though its windows cracked and buckled with the heat.

The UCMS Trustees will meet in the US on March 16, and it is expected that the problem occasioned by the loss of the much needed buildings will be discussed then.

